CHURCH NEWS

St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Candle Service and Holy Communion, 11 P. M., December 24.
—Rev. Robert Withers.
December 27:
Church School Carol Service, at 10 A. M.
11:00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon. —Rev. Withers.

Opportunities At Liberty
Sunday:
9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Worship.
Sunbeams meet.
6:30 P. M. Training Union.
7:30 P. M. Worship.
8:30 P. M. Deacons' Meeting.

The Rev. Lewis Garrett will be guest worship leader at the morning worship service.

"Student Nigt at Christmas" will be observed Sunday evening. The theme will be "Be Thou an Example." Those students expected to participate in the service are: Anne Abbitt, Alice Ashworth, Joella Ferguson, Walter Edward Hancock, Freddy Mitchell, Frank Leigh Burke, Dan Coleman, Bobby Conner, Frank Hanenkrat, Buddy Poe, and Ronald Coleman. All are attending colleges in Virginia. Miss Betty Mitchell and Miss Katherine Richardson will assist in the music for the service. Miss Laura McFadden will be in general charge of the service.

The Brotherhood will conduct the Wednesday evening Prayer Service, at 7:30 P. M.

Appomattox Methodist Circuit
Aaron D. Smith, Pastor
10 A. M. Bethel.
"Put On The New."
11:15 A. M. Trinity,
"The Ever-Living Christ."

Memorial Methodist Church
Rev. Richard Bergdoll, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.
C. W. Smith, Superintendent.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.
"Going On To Perfection."
7:30 P. M. Evening Worship.
Annual Student Recognition Service.

Red Oak Baptist Church
Rev. Lewis Garrett, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Training Union, 7:00 P. M.
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.
Wednesday, Adult Choir practice at 7:30 P. M.
Saturday: Youth Choir practice, 3:30 P. M.

Pamplin Methodist Circuit
Charles P. Price, Pastor
Regular Services
1st Sunday
Evergreen, 11:00.
Centenary, 7:30.
2nd Sunday
Pamplin, 11:00.
Piney Ridge, 7:30.
3rd Sunday
Centenary, 11:00.
Evergreen, 7:30.
4th Sunday
Piney Ridge, 11:00.
Pamplin, 7:30.
5th Sunday
Pamplin, 11:00.
Centenary, 7:30.

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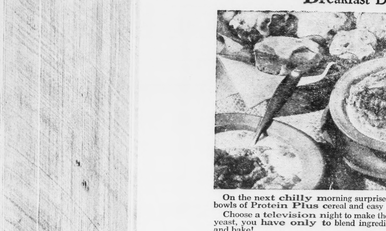

On the next chilly morning surprise your family with steaming bowls of Protein Plus cereal and cavy fruit rolls.

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Fruit Rolls

¾ cup warm water—not hot (110 to 115°)
1 pkg. active dry yeast
¼ cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
2½ cups *sifted* flour
1 egg
¼ cup soft shortening or butter
½ cup candied fruit
¼ cup chopped nuts
¾ cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1 to 2 tbsp. cream

In mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add sugar and salt and about half the flour. Beat thoroughly 2 min. Then add egg and shortening. Beat in rest of flour gradually until smooth.

Add candied fruit and chopped nuts. Fill half full 16 to 20 greased muffin cups. Let rise in warm place (85°) 50 to 60 minutes, until double in bulk. Heat oven to 375°. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until lightly brown. When baked, immediately turn out of tins to avoid sticking.

Ice with mixture of confectioners' sugar and cream. Decorate tops with more candied fruit and nuts.

"WOMEN PREPARE THE WAY"

Inspired by the prophecy of the Isaiah of the Exile - "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway" - the following impersonations of the lives of some of the women of the Old Testment who helped to prepare the way for the Coming of the Christ was composed by Rev. Richard A. Bergdoll, and presented recently in the Memorial Methodist Church.

Named by my husband, Adam, to be called, Eve, the mother of all living, I lived daily in the Garden of Eden in the consciousness of being created by the Hand of God. The Garden was a very beautiful place, filled with all kind of trees, pleasant to the eye and good for food. In the midst of the Garden was the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A great river was there also, parting into four branches, two of which were the Tigris and Euphrates, and furnished an abundant water supply. God provided everything for our well-being; likely too much for our own good and spiritual growth. Adam and I became to eager to learn all of the ways of life and to know all of God's Wisdom, too extravagant and too zealous in our desires. Suddenly Satan deceived us and we were expelled from the beautiful Garden, during our wanderings in the Land of Nob, two sons were born. The first we named Cain, meaning possess; and the second, Abel, meaning a breath or a vapor, since he was the weaker, I cherished until my death the words of God when He said that my ancestors would crush the head of Satan, and thru them I helped to prepare the Way for the coming into the World of One Who would save the human race from the power of evil.

Noah and I were happy in our home in North Mesopotamia with our three children: Shem, Ham and Japheth. As our family mingled with other families of the neighborhood we soon realized there was much wickedness in the world. However, we were able to maintain a life of righteousness, and followed the ways of God. One day I sensed a deep concern on the face of my husband, Noah; and found out that God had told him to construct a large ark, for the world would be engulfed in a mighty flood. As the rain began to fall, our family (numbering eight, took two of every kind of the animals and entered the ark for safety. Our faith did not fail, for God sent peal to us in the movements of the waters. At the end of one year and seventeen days, God commanded us to go forth. God's Rainbow of Promise appeared in the sky, telling us that God would not destroy again the earth with water. I was privileged to witness the Rising New Creation of Mankind and of animals. I lived during my last days on earth, conscious that God would save His Creation in some mighty and mysterious manner from all earthly ills by a Great Deliverer.

Abrahom and I, Sarah, were enjoying a contented, peaceful married life in Ur of the Chaldees, modern Iraq, when God commanded us to so journey into a land of Promise. We were told that all families of the earth would be blessed thru us. We journeyed thru Palestine, spent several years in Egypt and then returned to Hebron to dwell. I daily tried to be a steadfast and devoted wife for my aging husband. Because I was unable to bear a child, a son was born to Hagar, handmaden in our household; and he was named Ishmael, meaning God heareth. Likely because of my unselfish consideration for Amraham to have an heir son a son was born unto me and we called his name, Isaac, meaning laughter, for I had laughed when told I would bear a son. God severely tested our faith when He commanded my husband to offer Isaac as a sacrifice on Mt. Moriah. When we willingly obeyed, God spared our son and promised that his seed should be as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand upon the seashore, and all nations of the earth should be blessed thru him. The strain of this test of faith was likely too hard for me to endure; for soon after the return of Abraham and Isaac from the place of sacrifice, I died. Isaac brought rich blessings to our household, and was destined to be the father of Jacob who was to be the father of the Israelites. My dying wish for Isaac was that he should be worthy of the Lord's Promise and be a real blessing to many nations. Thus, I died conscious of my part in the Divine Plan for the Coming of the Messiah.

As I, Rebeca, left my home near Damascus one evening with a pitcher on my shoulder and went out to draw water, I saw ten camels and their attendants standing nearby. I graciously offered to draw water for them. Thus I was introduced to my future husband's matchmaker. To make short one of the most beautiful love stories in all of the Bible, I hastened to say that in a few weeks I was on my way toward Beersheba in the South Country to meet Isaac my betrothed husband. He immediately took me into his mother Sarah's tent, who had been dead 3 years, and I comforted him and his father, Abraham, during their bereavement. In a few years I gave birth to twin boys, the first born, we named Esau because he was ruddy and strong; and the second, Jacob for he was born holding the heel of his brother and was destined to overcome him. Needless to say that as these two boys grew to manhood, they entwined themselves about the heartstrings of their father and mother. Isaac favored Esau, a skilled hunter of the field; and my affection were lavished upon Jacob who was more of a home boy. At my insistence Isaac sent Jacob away to my home country to find a wife, and Esau went unto the tribes of Ishmael to find his wife. I did not see my son Jacob, again in the flesh, but died longing for his return. I increasingly held in my heart the promise that his seed would be as the dust of the earth, spread abroad to the west, north, south, and east, and the vision came to me that I had helped to prepare the Way for One Who would be the Greater Overcomer of all Perplexities and Problems of life.

It was my good fortune as Rachel to be the favorite wife of Jacob. We met by the well where I had brought my father's sheep for water Jacob seemed to love me at first sight. When he told me that Rebecca was his mother, whom I had heard so much about as the native girl of Mesopotamia who left our country and married his father, I flew to my father and told him of my newly found friend. After fourteen years we were married. Several years later I gave birth to a son and named him Joseph. Little did we realize that in later generations the paternal-father of Jesus should hear our name. Not long after Joseph's birth, my husband decided to return to his native country. Our parting words - "God watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other" - have long been quoted as the Mizpah Benediction. On our way toward Shoshem while we camped by the Brook Jabbok, Jacob's name was changed to Israel, meaning that kings should come out of his loins. Not many years later when we were journeying from Shechem to Hebron, birthplace of my husband's ancestry, while we were camped near Bethlehem, I gave birth to my second son whom we named Benjamin, meaning a son of sorrow. During childbirth I died and was buried in a lone tomb beside the road, now frequented by visitors. I continued to rejoice in being the mother of Joseph who was destined to become the Saviour of His People from Egyptain Bondage and prototype of the Savior, Christ Our Lord.

In the midst of the terible persecutions of the Hebrews in Egypt by the House of Pharoah, I, Jochebed, daughter of Levi, was married to Amram, a decendant of the same tribe which was largely responsible for the Worship of the One God in Egypt, land of many gods. A goodly, beautiful child was born unto us, and for fear he would be killed by Pharaoh's edit; when he was three months old, I hid him in a basket made of bulrushes among the reeds of the Nile River. Everyone knows so well the story of how Pharaoh's daughter heard my child cry one day when she was bathing in the river. Miriam, our first born, was baby-sitting with her little brother; and upon hearing the King's daughter comment about the little Hebrew boy, asked permission to call a nurse for him from the Hebrew women. Miriam came and called me; and you can well imagine the joy that came to my heart as I nursed my own child and cared for him during those tender years of childhood in Pharaoh's Palace. We named him Moses, because he was drawn out of the water. When he became grown he was given supervisory responsibility by Pharoah. One day he saw an egyptian beating a Hebrew. He killed the Egyptain and hid him in the sand; but I stood with him and encouraged him to flee to Midian, for something kept saying to me that my child would be a great leader of his people and help prepare the Way for the Coming into the World of One Who should lead all people out of the Bondage of Sin into the Blessings of Abundant Living.

(The remaining seven impersonations will be given next week.)

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Father Markleaf

By c. h. r.

A sort of bonus column, as we are 53 Thursdays in January, we have to write seven times a year.

Reports are that highway deaths of 1959, will run up to 1400. Injuries and property loss will make the price fantastic. And it is estimated well over 300 will die on the highways!

At the end of the year, a vetteran Appomattox County public servant retire as a county official. We mate Mr. J. H. O'Brien a loyal and faithful career as Commissioner of the Revenue. We doubts that "Capt. Dick" will "retire" from all of his activities, because he has too much joy and interest in life while. We wish him well, and thank him for his service to us.

At the same time, we salute the new Commissioner of the Revenue who takes over tomorrow. Mr. Caldwell will make a fine servant, and he goes into office the best wishes and confidence of his many friends.

We called me the other day to know how long it took Noah to build the Ark! Gee: expecting a question during "quiz time" I said I did not know. Later said: 120 years! Seems painfully long time, partner. But they measure "time" in another way!

Down to the fine "crew" down at the office for handling in a manner the heavy holiday rush. They are always on the alert a saints.

Note that Mrs. J. C. Caldwell has been an attendant when in at the Lee Theatre building.

Inventory time for most stores. And time for getting, and such. And time, in a manner of reports and the small business man and woman a time trying to wrestle with bookwork. Give him cooperation, please.

Note the finest seasonal bookseived came from Warp Brothers, Chicago, manufacturers of window materials. We read of the 24-page booklet, which was from Harold Warp. "I can't learn anything while talking!" Not bad, Harold and then, I likeed use Page 22, under Resolutions. It said:

Less impatient
Less we deem too slow;
More of patience
Of all we know;
More humility,
Our worth is slight;
Each trivial candles
Too stars at night!
More forgiving
Offer to be kind;
More desirous
Need of praise to find;
Of praise to utter
Of a heart rejoice;
Lest more careful
Lit with gentle voice;
More true eagerness
Understand each other;
More real striving
Of a shipwrecked brother;
More high courage
Task that must be done;
Our resolutions
Help everyone!

Treatment Fails

Albert H. Robinson was hit by his wife Olive recently during that strong, silent treatment that after the habit of never talk on week-ends and sheet cake with a year without or replying to her.

Weather forecast in Asia drives

Womans Club Dinner Meeting

The January meeting of the Woman's Club will be held January 11th, at The Steak House, newly opened restaurant operated by Mrs. L. L. Stanley. This is the annual meeting to which husbands and guests of members are invited.

The Public Affairs Department, Mrs. C. F. P. Crawley, chairman, has announced that Mr. Thomas B. Mabry, Trust Officer of Peoples National Bank, will be guest speaker. His general topic will be "Small Investments," and perhaps a representative of one of the brokerage firms in Lynchburg will also be present to contribute to the discussion.

Members of the Woman's Club will receive a letter pertaining to reservations and details of the dinner.

PIANO PUPILS ARE ENTERTAINED

The piano pupils of Mrs. Joyce Vaughan were entertained by a Christmas party, given in their honor by their teacher, at her home in Spout Spring, on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, from 7:30 until 9:30.

The living room was decorated with candles, pine and poinsettias. A lighted Christmas tree and Santa Claus greeted the young folk as they came up the walk. Candles and greens served as a centerpiece for the table, surrounded by Christmas punch, shaped cookies, and Christmas candies.

Games relative to music were participated in, after which the Poinsettias were distributed.

After the refreshments were served, the group joined in singing Christmas carols.

Those present were Rose Evans, Linda Rosser, Priscilla Woodridge, Betty Watson, Janice Jamerson, Butch Bryant, Wayne Reynolds, Kenneth McFadden, Caroline Coleman, N. H. Jones, Sandra Sykes, Maurine McCormick, Becky Dean Carson, Edith Fore, Marsie Megginson, Nancy Smith, Gail Jones, Sandra Franklin, Dolly Ferguson, Brenda Carson, Brenda Carter, Tommy Withoit, Sandra Harvey, Katherine Lewis, Sandra Gilbert, Judy Haley, Edith Kinman, Linda Hunsbbeck, Jimmy Cravens, and Wilmer Jones.

FHA CREDIT ASSISTS AREA FARMERS IN BOOSTING INCOME

Modern farming methods are helping the farmers in this area who are using Farmers Home Administration credit to increase their farm income substantially, the agency's county supervisor, Hunter P. Evans, said today.

Operating loans are made primarily to help farmers make improved use of land and labor resources on farms by making needed changes in their farming systems and adopting improved farm practices. Funds may be advanced to pay for equipments, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer, and for other farm and home operating needs and to refinance limited debts.

The size of a loan varies considerably depending upon the system of farming to be followed and the actual needs of the applicant.

Loans are scheduled for repayment in accordance with the borrower's ability to repay over a period of from one to seven years.

Loans by the FHA are made only when farmers are unable to obtain adequate credit from other lenders. Borrowers are required to refinance their loans with other lenders at the earliest possible date.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Jan. 4: Vegetable stew with crackers, open-face sandwich with melted cheese, potato chips, purple plums, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 5: Chili con carne, hot steamed rice with sugar and butter, green peas, hot biscuits, fruit jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 6: Barbeque on bun, potato salad, string beans, one slice cheese, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 7: Hot dog on roll with dressing, cole slaw, baked beans, sheet cake with chocolate sauce, 1-2 pt. milk.

Jan. 8: Meat loaf, mixed greens, whipped potatoes, hot yeast bread, with butter, pineapple upside-down cake, 1-2 pt. milk.

Discuss Possible Va. Sales Tax

An informal meeting of business leaders was held here yesterday in the directors' room at the Bank of Appomattox, to hear a discussion of the sales tax legislation proposed by Governor Almond. Mr. Sumpter Priddy, managing director of the Virginia Retail Merchants Association, was present to aid in the discussion. He explained the position of the state merchant's group, and urged that a full study be made of the Governor's proposal when it is presented to the approaching session of the Virginia General Assembly.

Over 15 local business leaders were present. All showed interest in the proposed tax structure changes, but many adopted a position of withholding judgement until the actual details of how the tax change would work before forming a positive opinion.

The sales tax is scheduled to be one of the major items to come before the Assembly session, and it is most likely that business interests will desire to contact their representatives as to what course of action they would prefer.

It is also likely that additional meetings will be held at local levels to discuss the legislation.

Demonstration Club Schedule

WEEK OF JANUARY 4-8

DEMONSTRATION - Study the Effects of Hair, Hat and Necklines on the individual. Each member requested to bring hat, comb, brush, mirror, scarf, collar and costume jewelry.

FEDERATION PROGRAM - Plans for 1960 club discussions on Family Living will be conducted by club federation program leaders.

Monday, January 4, Country Lane Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Twyman Coleman with Mrs. Byron Cole as co-hostess. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. Coleman.

Tuesday, January 5, Lee Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. H. A. Torrence. Mrs. Torrence will give the demonstration.

Wednesday, January 6, Glendale Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Eula Nash. Mrs. Shelby Tucker and Barbara Tucker will give the demonstration.

Thursday, January 7, Oakville Club will not meet this week on regular meeting date. Will hold January Conference in Washington, D. C., Forestry and February demonstrations in February.

Thursday, January 7.- Rocks Club Will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Louise Roach. Demonstration will be given by Mrs. John H. Ranson and Mrs. Rhomy Wilson.

DEATHS

JOSEPH HENRY BRATCHER

Joseph Henry Bratcher, 31, of Conway, S. C., died of a heart attack while en route to Appomattox on Thursday morning.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 3 P. M., by the Rev. S. T. Lovell.

He is survived by his widow, Dorothy Martin Bratcher, of Appomattox, mother and father, two brothers, Sam and William Bratcher, one sister, Jerleen Black, two children, Sammy and Susan, all of Conway, S. C.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

The long Christmas holiday for public schools will come to an end Monday, when schools will reopen.

Joke Causes Shrink Scare

Lincoln, Neb.- Policeman Lyle Bigley parked his small foreign car at the police station and went to work on his beat.

His colleagues rolled the car into the police garage and replaced it with a child's pedal car, which Bigley found on his return. The officer entered the police station and asked the duty lieutenant for a tarpaulin.

"The rain's shrinking my car," he said.

British criticize U. S. lag on disarmament policy.

Cannon first in National's football draft.

NEW PASTOR AT PAMPLIN

. . . J. Leslie Hart

J. Leslie Hart has accepted a call to become pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, A native of Richmond, Rev. Hart graduated from Fork Union Military Academy and took his undergraduate work at the University of Richmond, where his attainments were recognized by election to Phi Beta Kappa.

He earned his BD Degree at Colegiate Rochester Divinity School. He has held pastorate in Brooklyn, New York, and Galax, Irvington, and Fairfax, Virginia. He is a past president of the Fairfax Rotary Club and a member of the Board of Trustees of Fork Union Military Academy. He and Mrs. Hart the former Marian C. Alley, of Richmond, have one daughter, Charlotte, who is now engaged in research work at the Medical College of Virginia.

CENTENNIAL COMMISSION PLANS OBSERVANCE OF "PEACE CONVENTION"

The Virginia Civil War Commission has disclosed plans to commemorate the "Peace Convention" of 1861, which was a last ditch effort to preserve the Union and prevent the Civil War.

All fifty states will be asked to recognize the significance of the Peace Convention was an effort by men of good will to keep the peace.

The 1861 convention was called by Virginia. All 34 states then in the Union were invited, but representatives of only 21 states attended. It was held at the Willard Hotel, in Washington, D. C., February 4, 1861.

In spite of the earnest efforts of those, the plan to settle the differences between the states which was adopted by the Convention was unsatisfactory and was rejected by Congress.

"The Peace Convention," said State Senator Charles T. Moses, of Appomattox, Chairman of the Virginia Civil War Commission, in disclosing plans to commemorate the event, "was a sincere attempt of a group of leaders who put the national interest ahead of party and special interest to save the nation. "Our purpose is to pay tribute to those men and to launch the 1961-1965 Centennial of the American Civil War on a plan which will encourage the American people to rededicate themselves to the moral principles which alone can precent divisions in our midst."

Moses said that Virginia's plans for commemorating the Peace Convention include encouraging further research on this almost forgotten matter, mother and father, two chapter of American history and publication of the story of this interesting episode across the country.

All State Centennial Commissions will be asked to cooperate with the District of Columbia Centennial Commission in erecting a memorial in Washington, D. C., which would be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on the 100th anniversary of the Peace Convention, February 4, 1961.

The most important proposal, however, according to Moses, is Virginia's plan to ask Congress and the leaders of the principal religious bodies in the country, to set aside Sunday, February, 5, 1961, the day the Peace Convention was officially organized, as a National Day of Prayer. He said the purpose of the proposed National Day of Prayer would be to remind Americans that "the only answer to the divisions between families and nations today, no less than in 1865, is to put the purposes of the Almighty ahead of our own."

India protests China's treatment of captives.

Farmers Bank May Up Capital

SCHOOL STATEMENT

The annual financial statement of the public schools of Appomattox County is published in this issue. See Page Six.

Farm Classes At Pamplin

Two series of classes have been planned for the Pamplin area farmers for this winter. First to start will be the Pamplin Shop Class, which will begin next Monday night, January 4, in the shop in the basement of the Pamplin school. This class will be held every Monday night and will be instructed by Mr. Everett Tibbs. All Pamplin area farmers wishing to learn more about welding, woodworking, and the care and repair of their farm machinery are invited to enroll. Enrollment fee will be $1.50 payable the first night of attendance. Classes are scheduled to begin at 6:30 P. M.

The second series of classes will be discussion classes held on Thursday nights in the Pamplin school. These will begin on Thursday night, January 28, 1960. Topics for this series were selected by an advisory committee. The committee was chosen through the agriculture committee of Pamplin Ruritan Club, which co-sponsors this class with the County Department of Vocational Agriculture. Carnegie members of the Advisory Committee are: Bob McClenny, Ed Harvey, Luther Nash, Cecil Ligon, Ed Fore, Bennie Massey Jimmy Rosser, Everett Tibbs and Thomas Jamerson.

The committee met Dec. 1, and planned tentative topics for the series of classes. Topics planned are as follows: Farmers Income Taxes, Controlling Parasites and Diseases of Farm Animals, Mastitis Prevention and Control, Social Security, Farm Law, Corn Production, Recommendation for Quality Tobacco Production, Insurance For the Farmer, and Determining Whether to Use Artificial Insemination. Discussion leaders will be announced at a later date.

MRS. IRBY HONORED BY MEMORIAL GROUP

At a recent meeting of the Commission on Education of Memorial Methodist Church, Mrs. J. T. Irby was honored by the group and presented with a commendation of her more than 25 years of faithful service as a teacher in the Junior Dept. of the Church School. She resigned as teacher, but continues to serve, as Supt. of the Children's Division.

COL. WOODSON POINTS TO HOLIDAY HAZARDS

Richmond, Dec. 30.- "Don't go out with the Old Year," asked Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, today as Virginians prepared to celebrate the coming of 1960.

Noting that January 1 will fall on a Friday to give a long week-end, Colonel Woodson asked for a sane observance of traffic rules as well as those of common sense. "Every one of our fatal crashes during the same period last year, as is the case in just about all fatal crashes, can be traced to an illegal or otherwise unsafe act of driving or walking," he said.

"Contrary to general belief," he continued, "New Year's Day, rather than New Year's Eve is the period of greatest danger, New Year's Eve is a working day for most people and the seasonably increased dangers of drinking and driving do not hit their peak until after midnight when parties are breking up. They continue as people drive from gathering to gathering during the day."

Fox nicked to head American Football League.

Financing by utilities rose in November.

In a special series of letters and accompanying data, the Farmers National Bank, of Appomattox, this week announced plans for an expansion of its capital stock.

The annual meeting of the shareholders will be held on January 12, 1960. At that time there will be the annual election of directors and other routine business. The principle item of business will be a vote by shareholders on a program involving an increase in the common stock of the bank to $140,000. This is proposed to be accomplished by an increase in the common stock of the bank to $100,000 by the issuance of a $50,000 stock dividend, in connection with which the par value per share of the stock being issued is being changed to $20.00. The shareholders of record on the date of the adoption of that resolution will be entitled to share in such dividend in proportion to their respective holdings of common stock of the bank on that date.

A further increase of the common stock of the bank from $100,000 to $140,000 is proposed by the sale of additional shares, at the par value of $20.00 each, at a sale price of $40.00 per share. The shareholders of record on the date of the adoption of the resolution will be accorded rights, in the proposal, to purchase those additional shares, at $40.00 per share, in proportion to their respective holdings of common stock of the bank on that date.

T. DeWitt Evans, cashier of the bank, has stated that tentative approval to this capital expansion has been given by the Comptroller of the Currency, and that final approval is expected upon action of the shareholders at the annual meeting on January 12.

The entire program is in line with the record of this bank to enlarge its activities and services to the area.

In summary this plan represents a 100% stock dividend; a 6 to 1 stock split; and the offering of $40,000 in new stock.

Price Support Requirements

Eligibility requirements for price support on 1959-crop corn have been changed to increase the maximum permitted moisture content by one-half of 1 per cent, according to C. D. Lewis, chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office.

This is the approximate effect of the change in the basic method of determining the moisture content of corn under the new U. S. Grain Standards revised this year. These revised standards became effective October 1 1959.

To be eligible for farm storage loans, under the revised standards, eligibility requirements are that 1959 crop car corn must have a moisture content not in excess of 21 per cent through February, 1960. For shelled corn the maximum permitted moisture content is changed from 13.5 to 14 per cent for both farm storage loans and for corn stored in warehouses.

Other information on price support loans on corn and other crops is available from the County ASC office.

MT. COMFORT CHURCH TO DEDICATE ORGAN

A Baldwin Organ, given by the family in honor of Mrs. Ellen Hubbard Moore, will be dedicated at 11:15 A. M. Service at the Mt. Comfort Methodist Church on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1960. It is hoped that all of her friends can be present.

—Children and Grandchildren.

Spout Spring 4-H Club

The December meeting of the Spout Spring 4-H Club was held on Dec. 9. There was a demonstration given on correct lighting in the home. Everyone enjoyed the demonstration.

—Reporter: Freddy Dickerson

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

Most local business places will be taking a holiday on Friday, New Year's Day. However, Many will be open as usual on Saturday.

Play safe — drive carefully.